

Great Dismal Swamp *National Wildlife Refuge*

Permit is not valid when entrance is posted as closed—even in the event the gate is open.

Hiking and biking are allowed on refuge trails, including the Railroad Ditch Trail, everyday, sunrise to sunset, except for occasional closings due to hunts, maintenance, prescribed burns, and other management activities.

Great Dismal Swamp
National Wildlife Refuge
3100 Desert Road
Suffolk, VA 23434
757.986.3705

www.fws.gov/refuge/Great_Dismal_Swamp
www.facebook/greatdismalswamp



I have read and agree to abide by all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Comment _____

DISPLAY
COMPLETED
PERMIT

in your windshield
during your visit.

RETURN
Upon exiting

This permit is valid
for one visit.

**Railroad Ditch Entrance
Auto Tour
Self-Service Permit**

Monday-Saturday

7:30 am—3:00 pm

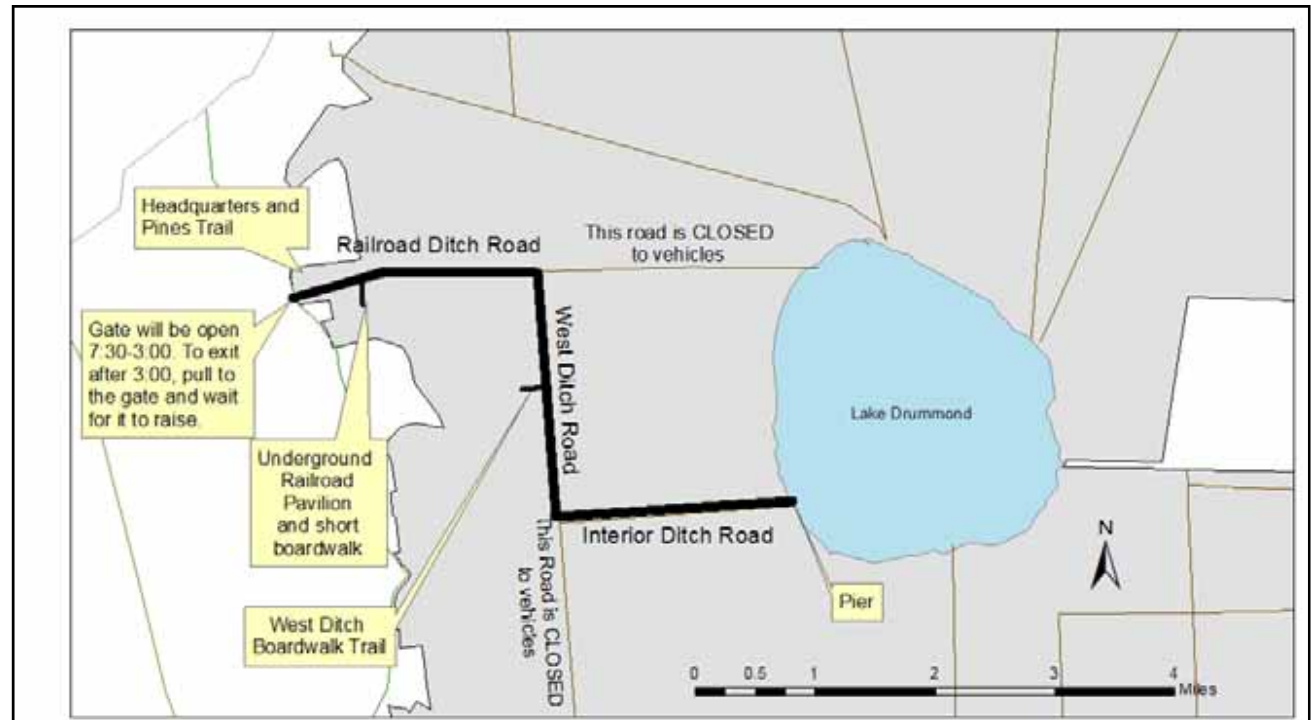
Vehicles must exit by 4:00 pm

This Self-Service Permit allows vehicle access to Lake Drummond for non-commercial wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, Interpretation, and boating.



General Refuge Regulations

1. Public consumption of alcohol is prohibited. (Code of Virginia 4.1-308; Drinking alcoholic beverages in any public place, Class 4 misdemeanor).
2. Refuge trails are open to hiking and biking. Visitors must stay on designated trails, which means roads, boardwalk trails, and the Pines Trail near the refuge headquarters.
3. Collecting (includes catch and release), attempting to handle or harming any plant or animal life is prohibited.
4. Feeding wildlife is prohibited.
5. All refuge entrances are open daily from sunrise to sunset for hiking and biking. No overnight use is permitted.
6. All pets must be kept on a hand-held leash at all times.
7. Firearms may be possessed and carried within a national wildlife refuge in accordance with the laws of the state in which the wildlife refuge is located, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable Federal Law.
8. The use or possession of cross bows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs or other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as authorized during refuge hunts.
9. Playback recorders or devices are prohibited because they adversely affect wildlife behavior.
10. Access to refuge at any location other than through designated trails and roads is prohibited.



11. ATV's and horses are prohibited on the refuge.
12. Refuge wide speed limit is 25 MPH unless otherwise posted.
13. If you pause on the side of the road, you must park so as to allow other vehicles to get by.
14. You must obey all "Closed Area" (means no access of any kind), and "No Vehicle" (means no vehicle access) signs.
15. You may not swim anywhere on the refuge.
16. You may not fish from the lake shore or ditch banks.
17. Do not block access to the boat ramp.

For more information, look for these other Great Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge brochures:

- ♦ Great Dismal Swamp NWR, Visitor Information
- ♦ Railroad Ditch Trail Guide
- ♦ The Great Dismal Swamp and the Underground Railroad